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Fair follies

It's fair season, once again! Time to head to the ATM and give away your hard-earned cash for some Ferris wheel tickets, \$4 slices of pizza and mindless carnival games you have 5 percent chance of winning! Good times!

All joking aside though, it's a pretty fun time of year, with two kids who now look forward to the fairs we go to with excitement and glee. At a fair last weekend, this excitement was renewed all over again, but it wasn't without its share of quirks.



THE MINOR DETAILS
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Some observations from a veteran fair goer:
• I'm not even sure if there are rules

against this, so feel free to send me hate mail and death threats if I am wrong about this, but aren't most fairs these days non-smoking events? Everywhere I turned last weekend, I had a plume of cigarette smoke in my face. I even ran into a guy in the bathroom (the bathroom!) sucking on a cig and clouding up the stall with that nastiness. Waiting in crowds, lines and sitting in bleachers with my kids is so enjoyable (sarcasm, anyone?) when we get to breathe enhanced air made possible by cigarette smoke. My kids thank you for your second-hand smoke. I even got a few whiffs from people using those "vape" devices. Look, if you want to smoke, that's up to you, but please, I beg of you — not in a crowd full of kids. Mini rant over.

• Fair food is notoriously expensive. We all know this. But if you keep your eye open for deals, you can find them. My son last weekend had his heart set on pizza. So we settled for a \$4 slice. Not terrible, but not cheap, either. My daughter wanted a hot dog, so we found one for \$3. Not bad, either. But when it comes to meals for the adults, it became a little trickier. My wife and I are notorious bargain hunters. Anything over what we think something is worth, and we can't pull the trigger. So you can imagine our dilemma when it came to buying affordable dinner at the fair. We've made it work every year, knowing we are probably going to spend a little more than we would like for the "fair experience." We budget accordingly. This year, I found a nice little turkey wrap station for \$5. My wife decided to hold out and found a better deal on the ride home. You can't win them all.

• It's amazing how far people come to visit the fair. In my coverage (yes, I cover these events while enjoying them with my family), I talked to people from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and even New York, families visiting the fair for a variety of reasons. It shows you how engrained events like these are in the fabric of a community. Even though these fairs typically feature the same exact vendors, rides and food, it's the place to be every summer.

• Lastly, I'll conclude with a thought I had while I was leaving the fair last weekend. The dust had created a film over all the cars in the parking lot. It was still pretty warm out, and it was the end of the day, so mostly everyone was probably very tired. Across the street from the fairgrounds was the parking lot, so a police officer was stationed in the road, letting people cross the road to the fair entrance, and motioning cars

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BROOKLYN'S BEST



Adam Minor photo

Shelby Hips, 7, of Nashua, N.H., pets a bunny in the barn.



Adam Minor photo

The Ferris wheel lights up the night sky on Saturday.



Jason Bleau photo

A young horseback rider makes her way around obstacles as she puts her riding skills to the test at the Brooklyn Fair.



Jason Bleau photo

Country hit maker Josh Thompson entertained the Brooklyn Fair crowd on Friday, Aug. 26. Performing hits like "Way Out Here," "Cold Beer With Your Name On It," and his signature hit, "Beer on the Table," Thompson added a touch of neo-traditional country flavor to the second night of the Brooklyn Fair.

BROOKLYN — The 167th Brooklyn Fair continued its tradition of providing family fun and educational exhibits last weekend, Aug. 25-28, providing the ultimate fair experience yet again during America's longest-running fair. For more photos, turn to pages A4-A7!

Two arrested in heroin bust



Daniel Baillargeon



Tana Dashnaw

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

KILLINGLY — Connecticut State Police made two drug-related arrests on Aug. 23, putting an end to at least one suspected heroin dealer in the region after a lengthy investigation led to the issuing of a search and seizure warrant.

According to a press release from the Connecticut State Police Troop D Quality of Life Task Force, at around 6:30 p.m., on Aug.

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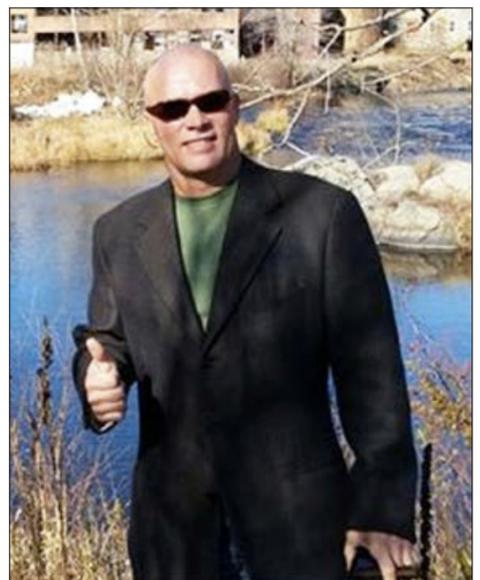
Cargill Falls owner named as shooting victim

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — A co-owner of the historical Cargill Falls Mill in Putnam has been pronounced dead in the wake of a shooting incident in Putnam on Monday, Aug. 22.

The shooting was reported at around 9:18 p.m. that night at an upstairs apartment at 52 Pomfret Street in Putnam, one of several facilities at the mill itself, where responders found one individual had suffered a gunshot wound to the head. That victim was later identified as Cargill Falls Mill co-owner Greg Renshaw, 55, who was later pronounced dead several days later. According to reports, Renshaw had initially survived the gunshot and was transported by Life Flight to the UMass Memorial Center in

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Courtesy photo

Greg Renshaw, co-owner of the Cargill Falls Mill in Putnam, was named as the victim in a shooting on Aug. 22 at the mill facilities. The shooting was considered an isolated incident and is currently under investigation by State Police.

Flexer tours U.S. Button

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

PUTNAM — The U.S. Button Corporation, a longstanding Putnam company and division of the Emsig Manufacturing Company, played host to a very special guest on Thursday, Aug. 25, with State Sen. Mae Flexer paying a visit to the facility on Kennedy

Drive for a tour of the company's factory and bit of education on how the buttons and products made by U.S. Button are produced.

Flexer engaged in a roundtable discussion prior to her tour, where she learned the stories of several of U.S. Button's longstanding employees and team leaders within the factory before she was led to the manufacturing floor, where Flexer took the time to meet with employees of the company while seeing how each button is manufactured and the process the buttons go through in terms of quality control, coloration and other finer details of their production.

Along the way, Flexer met with floor workers and team leaders in the work environment who said they were thrilled to see a state leader show interest in a company that continues to embrace the "U.S. Made" concept with workers that span families and generations who have devoted in some cases their entire careers to U.S. Button.



Jason Bleau photos

State Sen. Mae Flexer stands with officials and employees from U.S. Button during her visit to the company's facility in Putnam on Aug. 25.

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Marcel Garcia, supervisor of the top floor of U.S. Button where polishing and inspection takes place, is a 10-year employee of the company and said he was very happy to see Flexer make a stop on his floor and see what his employees do every day.

"I think it's great and shows interest. I hope she can do well by us," Garcia said of Flexer's visit. "We try to give tours to people from off the streets and Boy Scouts and for local schools and they're always surprised to see how it's all done. Everyone is fascinated by the process and how long people have worked here. It's good for (the senator) to see that."

Marvin Wilbur, a 39-year employee who performs military testing on the buttons that are produced at the facility, was particularly happy to see Flexer visit the company, and was among the first employees to greet her for the roundtable. After showing the senator what he does in his station every day, Wilbur said he was proud to see interest from a state leader in the history of U.S. Button and was thrilled the senator was open to getting a first-person perspective of what it is they do every day.

"I think it's important that the people know that we are a U.S. manufacturer and we do all kinds of buttons that we send all over the world. It's nice for people to know we have U.S. companies that are still here," Wilbur said. "For me it's very cool that Mae is here. I wish all the politicians would come around and see what we do. It's fantastic."

Chief Operation Officer of the U.S. Button Corporation Burt Elliot agreed with Wilbur saying he wishes more state leaders would take the time to see what companies like U.S. Button are all about. Calling the company a "little slice of Americana" Elliot said that U.S. Button may do a few things differently and have a rather unconventional workforce of family members, husbands and wives and workers over 50 embarking on new career paths, but that's all part of the companies charm and, for Elliot, a prime example of why the senator's visit was so important.

"I hope Senator Flexer sees that there are companies still in Connecticut that represent what made American great. That, to me, includes immigrants that come here and work hard, paying their dues and working their way up. We've had a lot of that here. We don't require a college education to work here so it's a great opportunity for those who can't afford to college. They have an opportunity here to grow," Elliot said. "The people that work here know what we do and how much work goes into this but a lot of people on the outside have this perception that we are more like a sweat shop and it's really not like that. I think it's fantastic that the Senator can see that first hand."

After her tour Flexer told The Villager that the experience was eye-opening and that it was fascinating to see how the buttons are produced and just how much work and precision goes into the production of countless products each and every day.



Sen. Mae Flexer examines some of the unfinished buttons from a machine at U.S. Button during her tour of the facility on Aug. 25.

"It was amazing to see this kind of product being made right here in northeastern Connecticut. They've got great people that work here. It's great to see the longevity of the employees here too. Clearly this is a company that treats people well. There are people who have worked here their entire lives for 30, 40 and 50 years and one person has been here for over 60 years. They make a great product and have a contract with the U.S. Military to provide all the buttons for the uniforms and they're growing with some private companies too. It's really impressive," Flexer said.

The senator also saw the opportunity to help U.S. Button continue to build on its local flavor and "U.S.-made" concept by learning what the company needs from her and her fellow lawmakers while opening the company's eyes to programs they can use to help build on their workforce in the future.

"I wanted to learn about how they made the product and I had heard great things about the company before. It was nice to see everything in action and see why people love it so much. I also wanted them to be aware of ways that the state can support the work that they're doing. I walked with them about the Step Up Program that might be able to help them fill a few vacancies that they have here. That's a program designed to help companies with hiring veterans or chronically unemployed people who have been struggling for years to find employment," Flexer said. "The U.S.-made concept is making a comeback so I think it's really critical for someone who has the opportunity that I do to serve as a State Senator to listen to these companies and know what's good for them, what's working and what challenges they face and how we can help support them."

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- Sen. Mae Flexer, commenting on her tour of U.S. Button in Putnam last week.

AT CT AUDUBON

Bird sightings at Connecticut Audubon Society Center at Pomfret and Wyndham Land Trust properties for the week of Aug. 22: Double-crested Cormorant, American Woodcock, Bobolink, Common Nighthawk, Common Yellowthroat, Blue-winged Warbler, American Redstart, Barn Swallow, Screech Owl, Bluebird, Cedar Waxwing, Cooper's Hawk, Broad-winged Hawk, Wood Duck, Mallard.



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Delay halts Quaddick Road Bridge's Labor Day reopening

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

THOMPSON — After initial estimates had the Quaddick Road Bridge in Thompson reopening as early as Tuesday, Sept. 6, after the Labor Day holiday an unexpected delay has caused the timeline of the bridge's reopening to be moved to Sept. 20, leaving residents a bit frustrated as the long awaited renovation of the structure continues.

Thompson First Selectman Ken Beausoleil acknowledged the frustration in an interview with The Villager, and said that the town is aware of the impact the temporary closure of the bridge has had on commuters and local residents who frequent that roadway as a main throughway in Thompson.

The bridge was closed for a 30-day renovation at the beginning of August and was expected to take no more than 30 days to complete. The long-awaited renovations are being performed using Public Works money and needed to take place after the bridge was made a one-way structure and was threatened with a shutdown by the state due to its deteriorating structural integrity. According to Beausoleil the delay was unexpected and was due to unforeseen roadblocks as excavation of the abutments progressed.

"The bridge was supposed to open by contract, in a perfect world, the day after Labor Day. That's what we were aiming for. It was a short window to have the deck opened to traffic and put the Jersey barriers back up and finish the railings and so forth to open it to traffic," Beausoleil said. "As we know, during demolition you have factors that are unknown. Until you dismantle the bridge it's hard to know what you might find. When they did the excavating behind the abutments to do the work on those abutments to accept the deck as designed they found that whenever that bridge was done fifty or sixty years ago these huge rocks were left in place

that were not anticipated."

Those large rocks created issues with the design and renovation that forced the engineering company to reassess its approach to the bridge. According to Beausoleil, this meant modifying the plans to correct the two deficits in the abutments.

"That required a design change order and approval by the engineer. We signed off that we were in agreement which had a bit of a cost associated with this whole thing but we are still within budget," the first selectman said. "It put a week or so delay on the project while this was all transpiring."

The bridge is now scheduled to open on or around September 20th with Beausoleil saying there doesn't seem to be any sign of further delay. With the current delay being a harsh reminder than anything can turn up unexpectedly to further hinder the renovation efforts and the timeline, Beausoleil took the time to ensure residents that the town is working as diligently as possible with the engineers to get the job done fast and get it done right.

"We are aware of the inconvenience that this is to the motoring public that uses the road on a daily basis as well as the residents that live along that roadway," Beausoleil said. "Their lives have been changed and altered temporarily and we are doing our best to minimize the impact and get this done as expeditiously as possible. We appreciate their patience with this. In the future it will be a permanent repair and it won't impact them again for decades to come. We are on top of it on a daily basis and moving it as quickly as we can to reopen the bridge as soon as possible so their lives can be back to their normal routine."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Tuesday, Sept. 6

Economic Development Commission, 5 p.m.
Special Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

Wednesday, Sept. 7

KCG, 7 p.m., Room 102

Thursday, Sept. 8

Planning & Zoning Commission, Special Meeting, 7 p.m., KHS Auditorium
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m., Town Meeting Room

BROOKLYN

Tuesday, Sept. 6

EDC, 4 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center
Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Planning & Zoning, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

Thursday, Sept. 8

Board of Selectmen, 6:30 p.m., Clifford B. Green Memorial Center

WOODSTOCK

Monday, Sept. 5

Woodstock Business Association, 6 p.m., Room A
IWWA, 7:30 p.m., Room B

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Camp Nahaco, 7 p.m., E-Mail own Clerk for location
Democratic Town Committee, 7:30 p.m., Room A

Thursday, Sept. 8

Open Space Land Acquisition, 7:30 p.m., Room B

EASTFORD

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Conservation Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7

Camp Nahaco, 7 p.m., E-Mail own Clerk for location

Thursday, Sept. 8

Board of Education, 7 p.m., Town Office Building
Registrar of Voters, 5 p.m., Town Office Building

Friday, Sept. 9
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The Yankee Fiber Friends showed off their crafts at the Brooklyn Fair, creating hand spun wool clothing, hats and other items that viewers could purchase.



A selection of horseshoe-themed crafts show off some of the best the Brooklyn Fair's vendors have to offer. It seems like every year vendors get more and more creative, bringing new crafts and handmade products that continue to amaze.



Smoke billows into the air during one of the most popular events at the Brooklyn Fair, the truck pull.



Now that's a tasty sandwich! The crew at Texas Grill wasn't fooling around at the Brooklyn Fair, providing amazingly delicious sandwiches and the always-delightful blooming onions on their menu for fairgoers to enjoy.



A blacksmith shows off her craft, one of many vendors who gave viewers a sneak peak into their art, which is always a highlight feature at every Brooklyn Fair.



Some of the many plant-based displays on site at the Brooklyn fair. Horticulturalists from throughout the region submitted their floral arrangements with the hope of taking home the blue ribbon by weekend's end.

NEWS BRIEF



Courtesy photo

Participants of Day Kimball Healthcare's Junior Volunteer program raised \$1,277 to support patient care and comfort through an organization-wide gift basket raffle.

Health inpatient department, supplies like magazines and lip balm for the hospital's inpatient comfort cart, coloring books and crayons for children in the emergency department and a new copy machine for Wendy's Place, DKH's nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center.

Elizabeth Jezierski, Junior Volunteer Coordinator, said, "I am beyond proud of what the kids have done this year. They are an amazing addition to the hospital!"

DKH Director of Development Kristen Willis praised the many contributions of the junior volunteers as well.

"It's truly inspiring to see these young volunteers at work, not only as active participants in assisting our healthcare professionals in delivery of care, but improving and enhancing the experience of our patients and visitors to the hospital. To include fundraising as an element of their volunteer experience is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about another important layer of community service and to see the direct impact of their efforts," Willis said.

Willis also noted the value of the volunteer program itself, saying "Our Junior Volunteer Program is a win-win situation for the young volunteers, the hospital, and the communities we serve - these are the community leaders, volunteers and philanthropists of the future who have certainly made their mark at Day Kimball Hospital. Kudos and thank you to all involved!"

The junior volunteers are comprised of local high school students and recent graduates that serve to support hospital care by transporting patients, running errands and contributing to various departmental projects. In addition to helping to support patient care, the program also offers students interested in a career in healthcare to experience working in a hospital environment firsthand. To learn more about volunteer opportunities at DKH, visit www.day-kimball.org/volunteer.

NEWS BRIEF

Walktober brochures have arrived

DANIELSON — Throughout The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor, the pages of the 2016 Walktober brochure are flipping open!

Brought to you by The Last Green Valley, Inc. (TLGV), the 26th year of Walktober surpasses all previous years, with 250-plus guided walks, strolls, hikes, bike rides, paddles, tastes, sips, and events galore during the region's most invigorating time of year. With the Walktober brochure in hand, you can start planning your adventures now! Dedicated volunteer leaders, their sponsoring organizations, and TLGV partners eagerly await the chance to reunite you with familiar places or introduce you to new discoveries.

The Walktober brochure is still full-color and free, and includes contests and challenges for TLGV members. To receive your own: email mail@tlgv.org; call 860-774-3300; download a PDF from the website www.thelastgreenvalley.org; or pick one up at any town hall, library or information kiosk within the region. All updates, additions and cancellations will be posted on the Walktober page on TLGV's website and Facebook page, so please check them often.

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Brooklyn Fair brings out the best of Quiet Corner

BROOKLYN — The 167th Brooklyn Fair continued its tradition of providing family fun and educational exhibits last weekend, providing the ultimate fair experience yet again during America's longest-running fair. Visiting on Saturday, Aug. 27, The Villager caught up with several people as they enjoyed the fair.



Brody Wallace, left, and his sister, Krysta, of Marlborough, Conn., pose for a photo in front of one of the many tractors on display.



Sophia Vantangoli, 2, of Ware, Mass., poses in a police officer cut out in the children's Play Land area. Fittingly, Sophia's grandfather just retired last week after 50 years as a police officer.



Trevor Gold, 7, of Brooklyn, and his sister, Lanna, 4, play with some "ice cream" in the children's Play Land area.



Mercadies Waite-Bachand, 10, of Dayville, poses for a picture on a John Deere tractor, one of the most popular photo opportunities on the fairgrounds.



Dozens gathered to watch horseback riders compete in time trails on Saturday night.



No matter where you were on the fairgrounds, it was difficult not to hear when the tractor pull competitors were doing their thing.



As the sun set, the rides at the fair (including the "Cliff Hanger") lit up as people of all ages punched their ticket for some fun.



Allix Kogut, of Griswold, assists her son, Landon, 3, with a frog flip game.

First Fridays heads to Music City, Nashville

PUTNAM — On the eve of Labor Day weekend downtown Putnam will be filled with the sights and sounds of the First Fridays festival.

This fifth evening of the 2016 season continues the artistic road trip through the USA, this time moving to the southeastern state of Tennessee and the iconic city of Nashville. With live music, dancing, and a wide variety of art vendors and gallery openings, First Fridays will be the perfect way to kick-off the holiday weekend. From 6 to 9 p.m. on Sept. 2, the public is invited to celebrate the unique culture of this musical city.

September's event will see a record number of art vendors on both Main Street and in Union Square in downtown Putnam. As the summer heat begins to cool, visitors will have the opportunity to stroll the streets of Putnam, enjoying al fresco dining, outdoor and indoor shopping, and live music. Headlining

the September event is Tequila Bonfire, a country rock band out of Central Massachusetts. This quartet will be playing the latest country hits by the biggest country stars. Hearing the sounds of Tequila Bonfire will make listeners believe they are in Nashville. In the Union Square section of the festival, the Junkyard Heartstrings will play live music throughout the evening. Performing songs from the '60s to the present in a variety of genres, the Junkyard Heartstrings will play the songs that everyone knows and loves, while also tastefully selecting deeper cuts from artists that appeal to the die-hard music fan.

Throughout the last several seasons of First Fridays events, the Community Arts committee has been known to create fun art projects inspired by each month's theme. For September, the Community Arts committee invites

all ages to "boot, scoot, and boogie on down" to learn how to line dance at their booth. Participants can show off their new skills on Main Street as Tequila Bonfire plays a variety of country tunes all evening long.

Another creative committee bringing dynamic artwork to the First Fridays festival is the Stealthy Street Art Crew. For the 2016 season, the Crew has been working on a season-long art project named the Kinetic Bike Sculpture. Head to 114 Main Street to see the latest addition to the project. In addition to the Kinetic Bike Sculpture, visitors are encouraged to be on the lookout for some over-sized cowboy hats throughout downtown Putnam during the September event.

With Nashville's nickname "Music City" — it is fitting that the September scavenger-hunt contest will be all about music. In honor of the rich musical

history of Nashville, the contest will include a search around the festival grounds for cleverly hidden 45 records. Visitors to the festival are encouraged to look for the records, hidden in plain sight around Main Street and Union Square. Those that find the records can return them to the Putnam Business Association table for a chance to win a package including tickets to the upcoming October 1st New England Acoustic Music Festival, and dinner at one of Putnam's restaurants. The contest will start at 6 p.m. sharp and only one entry per family will be accepted.

Sept. 2 is sure to be another night of art, culture, food and fun in downtown Putnam. All are welcome to this free, award-winning outdoor art festival! For more information on the event, as well as information on the final evening of the festival on Oct. 7, visit: www.discoverputnam.com.

Brooklyn Fair 5K race hits the road

BROOKLYN — The Brooklyn Fair 5K was contested on the morning of the final day of the fair last Sunday, Aug. 28. Jack Houliker, from Danielson, won the men's division. Linda Spooner, from Sturbridge, Mass., won the women's division.



Lisa and Daniel Lopriore.

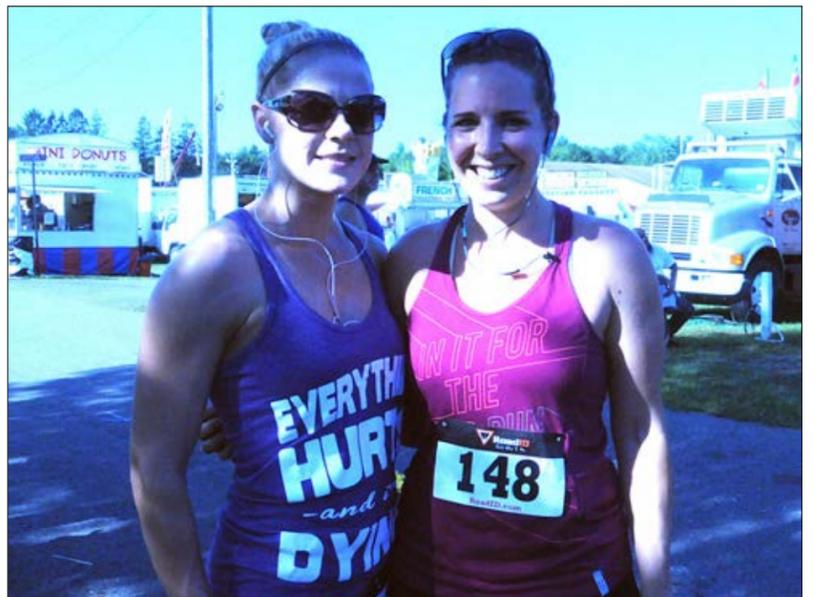


Holly Lewis, left, and Paula Long.

Charlie Lentz photos



From left, Melissa Pepin, Amy Lenoco, Kyle DiBernardo, and Lindsay Congdon.



Brittany Otto, left, and Jaime Bissonette.



Fred Szczesiul, left, and Dan Tyl.



Kaleigh Ligus, left, and Christine Bourque.



From left, Jim Ingalls, Pam Puhlick, and Julie Caouette.



From left, Josie Hunton, Brian Hunton, and Carrie Hunton.

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THE EVERYDAY ECOLOGIST
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Lizards near you

How do you feel about reptiles? Are they your favorite or do you fear them? What might you do if you find them at your home?

Well, you'll need to consider that you may just find a lizard in Connecticut, and soon. According to the Mother Nature Network (MNN), the Italian wall lizard is making a journey north and Connecticut is its choice for new residency.

The Italian wall lizard (*Podarcis sicula*), also known as the ruin lizard or the Istanbul lizard, is native to many locations across the globe. Locations include: Serbia, France, Croatia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Switzerland, Bosnia, and Herzegovina. The highest populations are in southern Italy (Wikipedia).

The original choice habitats of these lizards are warm-climate shrubs, rocky or sand-filled shores, country gardens, and pastures (Wikipedia).

The Italian wall lizard is less than 4 inches long. They move very, very quickly (The New York Times). These lizards have a brown-grey back and a dull-silver underside. They feast on insects, but may eat weedy plants (Wikipedia). Other similar species eat berries or flowers.

Wikipedia notes that the Italian wall lizard most likely came to the two coasts of the United States via two different methods. In California populations appeared in 1994 after a tourist returned from a visit to Sicily. As travel and communications operate on more of a global scale instead of in local parameters, there's more of a chance to transport invasive and non-native species across continents.

There are two theories as to how the Italian wall lizards got to the states of New York and New Jersey. The first, generally thought to be a myth, is that a "Bronx commercial pet dealer sold about 120 of them in the late 1960s as natural pest control to the township of Mount Laurel, N.J." (The New York Times). The other is that the reptiles escaped from a broken shipping container at a pet shop in Hempstead, N.Y. The lizards appeared in Long Island, N.Y. and then grew in population by traversing the East Coast via railroad tracks. The train tracks provide a straight line, easy for travel (The New York Times).

Some ecology gurus suspect that the lizards may also gravitate to the stone-filled train tracks as protection from predators. The rocks make the perfect hideaway from cats, birds, or snakes (MNN).

The lizards have been spotted in the following locations: "at Queens College in Queens; the New York Botanical Garden and Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Washington Cemetery in Midwood, Brooklyn; and Baker Field in Upper Manhattan" (The New York Times). Recently they have been seen in Greenwich!

Researchers want to track the paths of the lizards. Unfortunately, reliable and feasible technologies do not exist (yet) to measure this data. Scientists want to investigate how these creatures will survive the colder climates and the range of their distribution (MNN).

Research continues as to how these lizards are able to adapt. "[U]rban life is an area of blooming interest; cities are the dominant human ecosystem. Their [cities'] intense environments make them ideal laboratories for watching the pace and character of change" (The New York Times). Local research studies are currently being done at Yale University and Harvard University.

Often when a new, rare species are introduced into a new location, they must compete with native, similar species. This is not the case with New York's Italian wall

Election Letters Policy

Editor's Note: With an election season upon us, the Villager will occasionally publish its guidelines for submitting election-related letters. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at (860) 928-1818.

Believe it or not, we're coming up on that time of year — election season.

Candidates in our communities are gearing up for Nov. 8, and just as they are hoping for a good voter turnout, Villager Newspapers wants to hear from you. Who do you support in your town's upcoming election? Why? What issue is most important to you?

Our Election Letters Policy is as follows: Absolutely no anonymous Sound Offs may be submitted in endorsement of any candidate for political office. Any mention of a political candidate and/or issues he or she has addressed, and any election-related matter, must be done in a signed Letter to the Editor.

All endorsement/election-related letters must be received in a timely enough fashion to allow for publication up until one week before your town's election. While space dictates how many letters are published in each issue, prompt submission will increase the likelihood of inclusion. In other words, writers are advised not to wait until two weeks before an election to submit a letter.

The last edition including political letters will be the Friday, Nov. 4 Villager. Letters must be received by the editor no later than 12 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1.

All letters must be signed, with a place of residence and phone number supplied for verification if needed. Failure to include any of that information could result in your letter not being published.

All letters must be free of personal attacks and libelous remarks. Letter writers are encouraged to remain focused on endorsing

a candidate, and to refrain from commenting negatively about opponents. Failure to follow that guideline could result in rejection of a letter to the editor.

Letters should not be written as though to a particular individual (for example: "Your decision was wrong. You should not act in that way."). Refer to individuals by name, and then by "he" or "she" or "they" in subsequent references.

For election-related letters only, there is a 500-word limit, and all submissions will be published as space is available.

Any candidates for office will be allowed one letter to introduce themselves and their candidacy. Candidates will not be allowed to submit any other election-related letters.

The editor reserves the right to edit any and all submissions at his discretion. When possible, attempts will be made to allow the letter writer to rewrite, but the final decision rests with the editor.

No "Your Turn" columns will be accepted as candidate endorsements.

The editor reserves the right to refuse a submission if it does not meet any of the aforementioned guidelines for publication. The editor may otherwise edit or reject a letter at his discretion.

There are a lot of important issues facing every town this year and you deserve a say in them. You'll get one chance at the polls on Election Day. You have another chance on our Op/Ed pages.

So what are you waiting for?

E-mail Editor Adam Minor at adam@villagernewspapers.com, fax us at (860) 928-5946, snail mail us at P.O. Box 196, Woodstock, CT 06281, or come drop it off in person at 283 Route 169, Unit #2, Woodstock, CT 06281. Letters will not be accepted by phone or by voicemail. E-mail is preferred.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questions surround police proposal

To the Editor:

In May, the Town Council came up with two, non-binding advisory questions designed to gauge the public's interest in adding trained constables.

The questions were whether the public thinks the town needs more police and if they are in favor of the commission's recommendation, which is to hire full-time constables and replace the State police protection we presently have. In a few weeks, the people of Killingly will have a chance to vote as to whether we exchange the present State Police protection with a local police force (constabulary). The present Council chairman is calling for more meetings so the public can make a more educated decision.

Why do some councilmen always seem to be afraid of information given to the public? Why do the same councilmen try to hurry things up? These are the same people who didn't want the public to decide and were happy if the Council made this decision without public input.

Right now, Killingly pays \$1 million (\$800,000 plus \$200,000 overtime) for four resident state troopers. In addition to that we have provided by the state one trooper in the Borough and one outside 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That equals at least six extra troopers patrolling our town every

week for a total of 10.

Plainfield pays \$2 million for 20 local police officers. Are the people in Plainfield better protected? I don't think so.

We have the best equipped, best trained, most qualified people the state of Connecticut can provide. Why would you want to pay more for less?

Some questions one might ask ... who would be their boss? Who would discipline them? Who would choose them? An apolitical, inefficient system at best.

This whole issue started when it was brought to the attention of the Council during budget hearings that we were paying \$200,000 in overtime for the State Police. That could have been corrected by training and appointing two constables to fill in for special events and pay them by the hour.

Be informed and vote. There will be no going back once the state pulls the troopers.

When you ask the Council they wink and hint that it wouldn't cost anything. I'm afraid they are counting on the new generating plant money, but just like the last generating plant money that was supposed to pay for the new school — it just isn't going to happen.

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Power plant opponents display hypocrisy

To the Editor:

It looks like some of the opponents of the proposed natural gas plant are nothing more than plain old-fashioned Harper Valley hypocrites.

I drive by Valley View Riding Stables on Lake Road in Killingly every day where these "Not Another Power Plant" signs are planted every 50 yards. The signs purportedly urge us to save the world from the electricity produced by natural gas and yet on the very same property behind an escaped horse Friday I saw a big dirty diesel-guzzling 18 wheeler parked. I wish I had my camera with me.

The horse farm is hardly the only Harper Valley hypocrite in town. On the same day

a Route 101 residential property sporting one of these "Save the Environment" signs had a "Saveway Petroleum" van parked in the driveway. Evidently an employee of that company lives there.

I think anyone with these signs that even has an electrical hookup to their house is a hypocrite. If these greenies really were true believers than why are they using electricity or automobiles at all? These luddites should go back to candles and mule driven carts if they think spinning turbines are going to destroy the Earth.

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Off the charts

Guinness Book of World Records reported that, "Although it is impossible to obtain exact figures, there is little doubt that the Bible is the world's best-selling and most widely distributed book."

A survey by the Bible Society concluded that around 2.5 billion copies were printed between 1815 and 1975, but more recent estimates put the number at more than 5 billion. It goes on to say that by 1995, "the whole Bible had been translated into 349 languages; 2123 languages have at least one book of the Bible in that language." (<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/best-selling-book-of-non-fiction/>)

Why has the Bible endured? Why do people love it so dearly and hate it so vehe-



BEYOND THE PEWS

JOHN HANSON

mently? Why has it been a world-wide best seller for so long? Why is it translated so widely? Why do governments often ban it? Why are schools so paranoid concerning a book that has so profoundly shaped our own nation?

The Bible, itself, gives some insight into why it is so loved and hated when it talks about people's reactions to "the cross" which is the central idea of the Bible:

"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But who are being saved for it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.' So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world

look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength." (1 Corinthians 1:18-25 NLT)

You could say that God designed the Bible to be misunderstood by those who do not seek truth with a pure motive, but understood by sincere seekers of truth. If you are interested in discovering its power, you will need to read it with an open mind and a ten

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The importance of saving for retirement at a young age

If you're an adult in your 20's, you are entering an exciting stage of life. Whether you've just graduated from college or are starting a new career, you will encounter many opportunities and challenges as you create a life of your own.

As busy as you are, it's no surprise that retirement may seem a long way off, especially if you're just entering the workforce. What you may not realize, however, is that there are four very important advantages to begin planning and saving for retirement now.

1. MONEY MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Now that you're out on your own, it's important to start taking responsibility for your finances little by little. Part of developing financial responsibility is learning to balance future monetary needs with present expenses. Sometimes that means saving for a short-term goal (for example, buying a new car) and a long-term goal (for example, retirement) at the same time.

Once you become used to balancing your priorities, it becomes easier to build a budget that takes into account both fixed and discretionary expenses. A budget can help you pursue your financial goals and develop strong money management skills. If you establish healthy money habits in your 20s and stick with these practices as you grow older, you'll have a major advantage as you edge closer to retirement.

2. TIME ON YOUR SIDE

When you're young, you have the benefit of time on your side when saving for long-term goals (like retirement). You likely have 40-plus years ahead of you in the workforce. With that much time, why not put your money to work using the power of compounding?

Here's a hypothetical example of how compounding works. Let's say that at age 25, you start putting \$300 each month into your employer's retirement savings plan, and your account earns an average of 8% annually. If you continued this practice for the next 40 years, you would have contributed \$144,000 to your account, accumulating just over \$1 million by the time you reached age 65. But if you waited 10 years until age 35 to start making contributions to your plan, you would have accumulated only \$440,000 by age 65.



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Note: This hypothetical example of mathematical compounding is used for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any specific investment. Taxes and investment fees are not considered. Rates of return will vary over time, especially for long-term investments. Investments offering the potential for higher rates of return also involve a higher degree of risk. Actual results will vary.

3. WORKPLACE RETIREMENT BENEFITS

If your employer offers a workplace retirement plan such as a 401(k) or 403(b), you may find that contributing a percentage of your salary (up to annual contribution limits) will make saving for retirement easier on your budget. Contributions are typically made on a pre-tax basis, which means you can lower your taxable income while building retirement funds for the future. You aren't required to pay any taxes on the growth of your funds until you take withdrawals. Keep in mind that distributions from tax-deferred retirement plans are taxed as ordinary income and may be subject to a 10 percent federal income tax penalty if withdrawn before age 59 1/2.

Depending on the type of plan, your employer may offer to match a percentage of your retirement plan contributions, up to specific limits, which can potentially result in greater compounded growth and a larger sum available to you in retirement.

If you don't have access to a workplace retirement savings plan, consider opening an IRA and contribute as much as allowable each year. An IRA may offer more investment options and certain tax advantages to you.

If you have both a workplace plan and an IRA, one strategy is to contribute sufficient funds to your workplace plan to take advantage of the full company match, and then invest additional funds in an IRA (up to annual contribution limits). Explore the options available to find out what works best for your finan-

cial situation.

4. FLEXIBILITY OF YOUTH

Although there's a good chance you have student loans, you probably have fewer financial responsibilities than someone who is older and/or married with children. This means you may have an easier time freeing up extra dollars to dedicate toward retirement. Get into the retirement saving habit now, so that when future financial obligations arise, you won't have to fit in saving for retirement too—you'll already be doing it.

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der heart. For starters, if you read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John you will discover the extraordinary life of Jesus. You will understand how he was different than any other religious leader and why his life and death changed the world. If you will read the book of Acts, you will be amazed at the historical record of how believers repented, were baptized in Jesus name and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You read about ordinary people whose lives were transformed and who experienced an abundant life that included many miraculous events.

The Bible is a living book. If you will read it with faith and respect, God will prove it to you and you will experience the same wonderful results the first century Christians did. If you will open your heart, you will fall in love with it and begin to understand why it has been off the charts for centuries.

Bishop John W. Hanson oversees Acts II Ministries in Thompson, Conn., where the Bible still has the final say. For more information, please visit www.ActsII.org.

ECOLOGY

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lizard populations. There is no other lizard of this type dwelling in these Northeast locations (The New York Times). Conservationists are thrilled by this unusual eco-surprise.

Well, if you're afraid of lizards, I hope they do not find their way to your doorstep. However, if they're one of

your favorite critters, here's to your soon becoming a Citizen Scientist and tracking these reptiles along our East Coast.

Liz Ellsworth grew up in Eastford, and holds a master's degree in Environmental Education from Antioch University New England and a B.A. in English from Bates College. She specializes in conservation and recycling initiatives.

Roundup of seasonal tips

Summer will soon be a sweet memory, but thanks to an abundance of warm weather tips, the last few weeks of the season can be close to hassle free. From seasonal home remedies to saving money and time outdoors, the following roundup of summer tips are sure to please.

Garden Tea Tonics

Natural teas are used to treat many maladies. If you are growing these herbs, you already have the ingredients for some healthful healers!

- Sage Advice: Some Native American tribes treated a low grade fever with sage, as in this old time recipe. As a bonus, the dried peppermint supplies the tea with a soothing, cooling effect. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over two teaspoons dried, edible sage and one teaspoon dried peppermint. Steep, strain, and sweeten with honey if desired. Slowly sip up to three cups a day.

- Cold Sore Cure: Drinking sage tea can prevent and treat fever blisters and cold sores. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over edible sage leaves and a small piece of ginger root (or substitute ginger powder). Steep, cook and drink two to three cups of hot sage tea everyday to get rid of fever blisters.

- Fever Remedy: One of peppermint's claims to fame is that it can alleviate the chills and aid with symptoms of fever and the flu. Try drinking a cup or two of strong peppermint tea made from fresh leaves to relieve cold and flu complaints. To do: Pour one cup boiling water over four to six peppermint leaves. Allow to steep for 15 minutes, strain and serve.
- Sweet Slumber: Lemon

Balm promotes sleep as it acts as a very mild sedative. It is also helpful in treating stress and nervous headaches. To make a fresh Lemon Balm tea: steep one teaspoon of fresh leaves in one cup of boiling water. Steep covered for ten minutes. Strain and enjoy. To combat cold sores, made tea with up to four tablespoons of the herb per cup of boiling water. Allow to cool, then apply with a cotton ball to cold sore several times a day.

Seasonal Money savers: It's fresh fruit and veggie season, but before you spend big bucks on commercial produce cleaners and fresheners, try these homemade solutions that do the job for pennies!

To make a homemade "fruit fresh" clone, dissolve two vitamin C tablets in a large bowl of water. Dunk in the fruits or vegetables to keep them fresher longer.

If you're buying "Fit" produce wash, your hard earned cash may be literally going down the drain! Whip up this homemade version for pennies: In a spray bottle, mix two tablespoons of baking soda with one cup of water. If you want add a tablespoon of lemon juice. Spray veggies, let sit for a few minutes and rinse!

Produce Pointers

- Bananas give off a gas called ethylene. If you want to speed up the ripening of other fruits place them next to your bananas.

- When green grapes have a yellow tinge to them they are at their sweetest.

- Never store tomatoes in the refrigerator. Besides losing



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their nutritional value, they will also lose their flavor. Store tomatoes above 55° F.

Late Season Lawn Tips

Never cut more than one-third of the grass blade during any one mowing. By following this rule, it will help the remaining two thirds of the plant develop deep roots and spread out, eventually creating a dense healthy turf.

Making sure your rotary mower blade is sharp is probably the single most important requirement for proper mowing. A dull blade rips and shreds the grass and makes the grass more susceptible to brown tips, diseases and insects. Experts recommend sharpening your rotary mower blade once a month for optimum results.

When possible, leave your grass clippings on the lawn. You'll give your lawn valuable nutrients that boost its health. Best of all, when you recycle grass clippings back into your soil, you'll return nearly two pounds of valuable nitrogen to every thousand square feet of lawn each year!

Super Sunburn Spray

Are you red and hurting from a late season day at the beach? To whip up your own

super sunburn spray better than commercial brands, combine liquid aloe vera with half as much liquid vitamin E and a few drops of lavender oil. Pour into a spray bottle and lightly mist the body.

Win Dinner for Two — Your tips can win you a great dinner for two at the historic Publick House Historic Inn in Sturbridge! Simply send in a hint to be entered into a random drawing. One winner per month will win a fabulous three-course dinner for two at the renowned restaurant, located on Route 131 across the town common in historic Sturbridge. Because I'm in the business of

dispensing tips, not inventing them (although I can take credit for some), I'm counting on you readers out there to share your best helpful hints!

Do you have a helpful hint or handy tip that has worked for you? Do you have a question regarding household or garden matters? If so, why not share them with readers of Stonebridge Press publications? Send questions and/or hints to: Take the Hint!, c/o Stonebridge Press, P.O. Box 90, Southbridge, MA 01550. Or e-mail kdr@aol.com. Hints are entered into a drawing for a three course dinner for two at the historic Publick House Inn!

NEWS BRIEF

Quest announces July graduates

PUTNAM — Quest Martial Arts has announced the following graduates in July.

- Orange Tiger: Dante Warren
- Orange Dragon: Oliver Pierce
- Blue Dragon: Owen Lepage
- Orange: Cotter Pierce, Daniel Pratt, Nicholas Sterling
- Blue-White: Benjamin Arters, Jayton Bergeron, Tiana Bergeron
- Blue: Adam Lee, Alexandra Lee, Abigail Nelson, David Summer
- Blue-Green: Josiah Vadaboncoeur, Hunter Sanford
- Green-Red: Kathryn McArthur
- Green-Black: Sam Desmond
- 5 GUP Green: Tyler Houle, Cadence Kirkconnell
- 4 GUP Green: Jennifer Frechette, Jessica Stanger Rochette
- 3 GUP Red: Caitlyn Dubois, Rich Dubois, Scarlett Labbe
- 1 GUP Red: David Anderson, Lucien Frechette
- Adult Apprentice Black: Chris Desmond, Coby Babbitt, Nicholas Boligan

LEARNING

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

RIPON COLLEGE

RIPON, Wisc. — Ripon College has announced its Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester, recognizing academic excellence. To qualify for the Dean's List at Ripon College, students must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

Gillian Jackson, Class of 2018 at Ripon College from Putnam, with major(s) in Psychology and minors in Biology and Ancient, Renaissance, Medieval Studies. Jackson is the child of William and Linda Jackson of Putnam.

Daniel Knox Jr., Class of 2017 at Ripon College from Putnam, with major(s) in Business Management and Politics and Government. Knox Jr. is the child of Deborah Knox of Putnam, and Daniel Knox of Worcester, Mass.

NORTHEASTERN CT ART GUILD OPEN JURIED ART SHOW

DANIELSON — The Northeastern CT Art Guild is excited to announce that they are presenting their first Open Juried Art Show at the Spirol Art Gallery at Quinebaug Valley Community College, Oct. 17-Nov. 11. This is part of a grant to promote

more community participation in the arts, and to showcase the diversity of talent in Northeastern CT. All accepted works will be judged and eligible for cash prizes, including a Viewer's Choice Award.

The show is open to all artists 18 years of age and older, for original 2 and 3 dimensional artwork and sculpture. No reproductions or photography.

The Delivery/Drop-off is Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 5-7 p.m. at the Spirol Art Gallery. All artwork must be brought to the gallery for jurying. Jurying will take place on Oct. 13. Artists will receive an email notification right after the jurying. If the piece is declined, it must be picked up on Oct.

14. The Artist Opening Reception will be Friday, Oct. 21 from 5-7 p.m. Up to \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at that time.

The Closing Reception will be held Friday, Nov. 11, from 5-7 p.m. At that time, the Viewer's Choice Award will be presented.

For more information and an entry form, go to Nectag1@gmail.com or call 860-377-3718.

This show is supported in part by Windham Arts in partnership with the CT Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Tuesday, Sept. 6: French toast stix, hash browns, turkey sausage, fruit/milk

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Thursday, Sept. 8: Rigatoni and meatball, green beans, roll, fruit/milk

Friday, Sept. 9: Pizza, green salad, fruit/milk

THOMPSON

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Tuesday, Sept. 6: Mozzarella sticks w dipping sauce, steamed carrots, cookie, orange juice and/or fruit choice, milk choice

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or fruit choice, milk choice
Thursday, Sept. 8: Chicken patty on bun, mayonnaise, mashed potato, garden peas, orange juice and/or fruit juice, milk choice

Friday, Sept. 9: Frosted flaked cereal, vanilla yogurt, goldfish graham, veggie boat, orange juice and/or fruit choice, milk choice

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Tuesday, Sept. 6: BBQ rib/bun, tater tots, tomato, mozzarella, basil salad, pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Wednesday, Sept. 7: Three bean chili mac, garlic breadsticks, steamed carrots, pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Thursday, Sept. 8: Double decker toasted cheese, warm lentils, spinach, roasted broccoli, pizza (plain or pepperoni)

Friday, Sept. 9: Zesty orange popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, garden peas, popcorn chicken

St. James announces reduced lunch eligibility

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3	26,208	2,184	1,092	1,092	504	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,554	718
4	31,590	2,633	1,317	1,317	608	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,874	885
5	36,972	3,081	1,541	1,541	711	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,193	1,012
6	42,354	3,530	1,765	1,765	815	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,512	1,189
7	47,736	3,979	1,990	1,990	919	67,932	5,662	2,831	2,831	1,327
8	53,118	4,428	2,215	2,215	1,023	75,591	6,300	3,150	3,150	1,485
Each Additional Family Member	+5,482	+451	+226	+226	+104	+7,896	+642	+321	+321	+148

DANIELSON — The St. James School announced today its policy for determining eligibility of children may receive free or reduced-price meals served under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP), or free milk served under the Special Milk Program (SMP).

Local school officials have adopted the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for family size and income criteria for determining eligibility.

The pictured income guidelines will be used in Connecticut from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 for determining eligibility of participants for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the Child Nutrition Program.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. Application form will be sent home in family packets the first day of school. To apply for free or reduced-price meals or free milk, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Only one application is required per household and an application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions.

Renshaw succumbs to injuries after shooting

SHOOTING
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Worcester where he succumbed to his injuries.

The incident sparked an immediate investigation into the shooting, with Putnam Police working closely with Connecticut State Police on the matter. The State Police have since taken over much of the investigation and have called the shooting an "isolated incident." Reports from witnesses through multiple news outlets stated that one individual was removed from the building in handcuffs and police say several people were questioned, but

no individual has been named as a suspect in the shooting as of this report. Police are investigating a motive and the circumstances behind the shooting.

Renshaw co-owned the Cargill Falls Mill with his wife Leanne Parker. The mill has been a center of attention in Putnam for several years as the two had initiated plans in 2005 to convert the aging structure into The Loft at Cargill Falls, a mixed residential and commercial development that would include over 80 residential housing units and nearly 30,000 square feet of mixed-use commercial space. The project more recently came under public scrutiny not for the plans for the mill itself, but for plans by

Putnam Green Power to install hydroelectric generators to embrace more natural sources of energy to power the building. The plans have been under fire for some time due to the perceived impact the generators would have on Cargill Falls. Putnam selectmen, who have the power to halt the project, put the hydroelectric project on hold as of November of last year.

State Police did not return calls to the Villager Newspapers for comment on the investigation into the death of Renshaw prior to press time.

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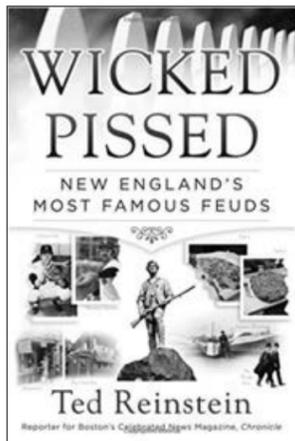


Bracken Memorial Library is thrilled to be hosting Ted Reinstein who will be speaking about his newest book, *Wicked Pissed: New England's Most Famous Feuds*.

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Ted Reinstein has been a reporter for "Chronicle," WCVB-TV/Boston's award-winning—and America's longest-running, locally-produced—nightly news magazine since 1997. In addition, he is a regular contributor for the station's political roundtable show and writes a weekly opinion column. He lives just west of Boston with his wife and two daughters. He is also the author of *New England Notebook* (GPP 2013).

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Safety in numbers

LOCAL RUNNERS SHARE BENEFITS OF RUNNING IN PAIRS FOLLOWING PRINCETON MURDER

BY JASON BLEAU
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the wake of the murder of a 27-year-old Princeton jogger in the first weekend of August, a local running group is spreading the benefits, both in terms of safety and support, of running in pairs and groups no matter when joggers and runners decide to take to the streets and back roads.

An investigation is still ongoing concerning the death of 27-year-old Vanessa Marcotte as of this report, after she left her mother's home for a mid-day jog on Aug. 7 and was found to have been murdered while on her solo jog. It's only the latest in a disturbing trend that has caused concerns for joggers and runners for years now when it comes to safety and awareness while enjoying a relatively harmless exercise routine.

In fact, the Tri-State Runners, a group of local joggers and runners from the tri-state area who usually frequent Dudley and Webster Mass., and Thompson, started with those concerns in mind and the mission on spreading the benefits of partnered running. Founding members José Rivera and Joanna Anderson started the group after Anderson was seeking a running partner to avoid having to make her

treks alone. From there, they formed a group of runners who now network and run with each other, either on their own time or at large group events, providing inspiration and support for each other wherever needed.

"That was the number one reason for getting together," Rivera said. "There's safety in numbers. We also get a lot of support and we motivate each other to get out there. There's also accountability when you're running with someone."

With the recent murder in Princeton, Rivera and Anderson are hoping to remind local runners that their group is available and is always accepting new members to partner with local runners and joggers for support and motivation. So far, the group contains around 400 members on Facebook in their closed group, formatted as such for security reasons for the runners, and around 200 are regular participants in any given run while nearly 60 participate in weekly pub runs through Webster and Dudley.

Joanna Anderson said she was inspired to seek out a running partner after a jogger was killed in Woodstock (Judy Nilan was killed in late 2005 during a jog) and connected with Rivera before the two took their mission to higher levels and helped form the Tri-

State Runners as they are today.

"Not every runner is a 10-minute pace. We might have a 12-minute pace or 13-minute pace, so our rule has always been no one gets left behind. If someone comes to a run and we don't recognize them we will ask them if they know where they're going and what they're pace is, so nobody is left behind," Anderson said.

This concept is the core of the group and something they inspire runners to incorporate into their own private runs as well. Anderson said the unfortunate incident in Princeton serves as a harsh reminder that there are bad people who seek to do bad things to the most vulnerable and that it doesn't matter when or where someone wants to run or jog, there is always safety in numbers.

"One of the things that kind of blew us out of the water with the Princeton case is that she ran in a quiet place and a country back road in the middle of the day. Everyone thinks in the middle of that day you are safe and obviously still things can happen," Anderson said. "That's kind of the scary part is to even remind people that something like that can happen even in the middle of the day."

In terms of safety tips, Anderson and Rivera suggested avoiding the use

of headphones, although Rivera said music is a personal choice for any runner and Anderson acknowledged that she uses only one headphone while on a run. Both actually stated that music can be a distraction from one's surroundings, whether it's someone coming up from behind or even a nearby vehicle, and that the runners in their group usually socialize while running, making their own entertainment while on their runs. They also suggested sticking to more populated and public areas rather than just back roads when heading out for a run.

The Tri-State Runners is a not-for-profit group with the sole purpose of inspiring runners and providing a networking opportunity for those who won't want to run or jog alone. Rivera and Anderson hope that if anyone does feel shaken up by the incident in Princeton that they realize there are ways to get in touch with others who enjoy the activity and that fear doesn't have to win out when you have someone there to help motivate you and watch your back.

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CHECK OUT THESE LOCAL HOT SPOTS THIS WEEKEND!

Putnam Boy Scouts land bass, catfish on first fishing trip

STAFFORD — Dedicated fishermen know how great it feels to catch a good one. Now the Scouts from Troop 21 know too, after a weekend camping and fishing trip where they learned how to do it.

"This was the first time fishing for most of the guys," said Assistant Scoutmaster Casey M. Dundon, of Putnam, an experienced fisherman who's Troop 21's head fishing instructor. "It's fun to get the kids out and show them how to fish when they're young, so they can do it for life. We had largemouth bass and bullhead biting all weekend. It was a really good time."

With permission from the landowner, last weekend Troop 21 pitched their tents and set up their gear along the pond at Quatrano Farm, on private property in Stafford, so Dundon and other volunteer fishing instructors could teach the boys how to fish. Instructors loaned fishing gear for the event, to go along with several rods and reels the troop had in storage.

"Our boys got more than a dozen good-size largemouth bass, all catch-and-release, so we put them back," Dundon said.

"We're showing them how to enjoy fishing and protect the bass populations at the same time."

There were enough catfish, however, to take a few for lunch. "We ate the four bullheads the boys caught," Dundon said. "We showed the guys how to clean and cook them and they did it just fine. They dressed out to more than a pound each. Add the baked potatoes and Saturday's lunch was great," Dundon said.

The trip was a successful start to the new Scouting year for Troop 21, which is chartered to St. Mary Church of the Visitation in Putnam. As with most Scout troops, Troop 21's program coincides with the school year, so the last weekend of summer vacation marked the start of the troop's new year.

Holding its meetings at St. Mary's on Providence Street, Troop 21 is open to any boy aged 11 to 17. They do not have to be members of the church.

"This is the time of year that we're looking for new boys to join the troop," said Scoutmaster Peter A. Lombardo, of Putnam.

"We have a fun schedule ahead of us," Lombardo said,

ticking off some of the highlights of the troop's schedule through next June. "Among other things, our Scouts will be hiking up Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire, heading out to a computer and robots weekend at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, snowshoeing and winter camping, a shotgun-shooting program, a food drive for local needy people, a Paw Sox game in Pawtucket and another fishing trip, so we'll be busy."

Troop 21's Scoutmaster noted that a Boy Scout troop's operations are run by the boys, with the adults overseeing transportation and making sure everyone is healthy and safe.

"Our Scouts made up this year's schedule and are responsible for planning and carrying out what they'll be doing," Lombardo said. "They decide what they want to do; they raise their own money to do it. Scouting builds self-reliance, responsibility and character that way. We're very proud of our guys."

For information about joining Troop 21, call Lombardo at (860) 963-0171 and leave a message.



Boy Scouts from Troop 21 raise the American flag.



One of the Boy Scouts from Troop 21 in Putnam reels in a largemouth bass.



Boy Scouts from Troop 21 in Putnam learned how to clean and cook catfish.

Friday's Child

Maleki, 11, is a sweet boy of African American descent who loves to laugh. He is described as loving, affectionate and full of smiles. Maleki does well when he is in a home where he is given love, patience, understanding and positive attention. Maleki is diagnosed with Autism and intellectual disabilities. He needs a family committed to advocating for him throughout his life.

Maleki's language skills are blossoming and he is learning new words every day. He loves books and loves to read. He loves to play with all of his toys, and especially loves making puzzles which he can do by himself. He loves to tell stories to himself as he reads book and will create his own stories to the pictures in the books. Maleki loves going to school where he has a great relationship with his teachers and peers. He is in a language based classroom. Maleki enjoys guiding and teaching others who have lesser skills than him. He has a loving and affectionate nature and demonstrates kindness to others every day. Maleki has much potential to learn, love, and begin new adventures. Maleki would do well in a family of any constellation, with or without other children. Maleki would like to stay in touch with his foster parent after being placed in a new home. Maleki will bring great joy and love to a family who is able to meet his needs and who has a lot of love to give.

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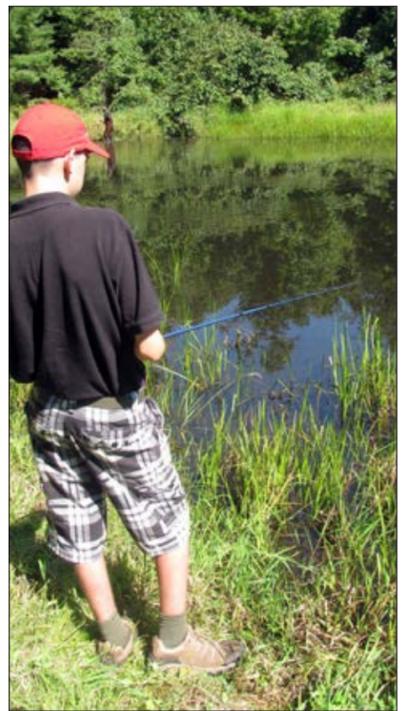
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One of the Boy Scouts from Troop 21 in Putnam holds up a largemouth bass he caught during the troop's camping and fishing trip last weekend at the Quatrano Farm in Stafford. The Scouts caught several largemouth and catfish during the weekend. This was the first monthly activity in the troop's new program year.



One of the Boy Scouts from Troop 21 in Putnam fishes during the troop's camping and fishing trip.

Photos courtesy John D. Ryan

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by when there as a break in the crossing action. These police officers (in this case, I believe it was State Police) are often taken for granted. The same one that waved us through at the beginning was there at the end of the night, waving crowds through and putting up his version of a stop sign with his hand when it was time to halt. As we walked by, again taking for granted the thank-

less job these officers endure, a woman rushed up to the police officer and gave him a hug. Now, I'm not sure if it was a random act of kindness, or if this person knew the officer. I couldn't be sure. It was quick, and I was on my way past him when it happened. I would like to think it was a person thanking the police officer for his work. It's a gesture that should be replicated often.

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Charlie Lentz photos

Lori Goulston from Jen and Milo's Kettle Corn.



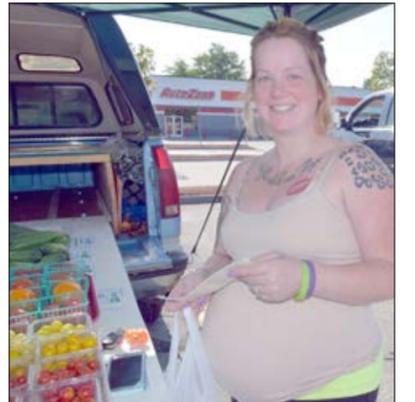
Samantha Goulston.



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Harrington Auxiliary cruises with successful car show

Olivia Richman photos



Paul Welch purchased this '57 Dodge Caronet 20 years ago and restored it.

THOMPSON — Harrington Hospital Auxiliary's 8th annual classic car and motorcycle show, "Cruising Into Healthcare," came to Thompson Speedway on Sunday, Aug. 28. Cars from the 1930's up to 2015 were all present at the car show, offering a wide variety of makes and models for people to browse.

Trophies were given to first, second and third place and visitors could also vote for the People's Choice Award. Families also enjoyed ice cream from Bogey's Ice Cream Stand and music from DJ Dick Salvas, who played popular oldies tunes.

Harrington on Wheels was also at the scene to provide health education and provide screenings. All proceeds from the fundraiser went towards the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary, which benefit the hospital in various ways.



The "Cruising Into Healthcare" car and motorcycle show was sponsored by the Harrington Hospital Auxiliary.



The Thompson Speedway was full of cars from 1930's to the present, offering guests a wide variety of makes and models to browse and vote on.



Linda and Paul Welch with their Superbees. "These are from our generation," said Linda. "Everybody had a muscle car when we were 16!"



"This car turns a lot of heads!" said Ken Pousland about his 1987 Corsair Navigator.



"Nobody else has one!" said Ted Ashton about his '58 Chevrolet Brookwood station wagon.



Blackstone Valley Model A Ford Club president John Barrows with his 1930 Model A Ford Deluxe Coupe.



Frank Zicaro has been into cars since he was seven years old. He and his wife special ordered this 2014 Dodge Challenger RT with specific colors and packages.



Central Massachusetts Wanderer Lisa Morrison with her '64 Falcon Convertible Ford. "I've always wanted my own car!" she said. "I wanted something small and red. And convertible!"

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Southbridge resident William Kamizirides with his '68 Buick GS 400 Convertible.



"I've always wanted one since I was a young kid," said Thomas Shalkowski, pictured with his 1964 Thunderbird.



Visitors had a great time checking out the huge variety of cars at the "Cruising Into Healthcare" car show.



Richard Dumouchel Sr. and his son Richard Dumouchel Jr. (pictured with grandson Cody Bennette) have been collecting cars together for years. On the left is Sr.'s 2009 GT California Special Mustang and on the right is Jr.'s 1980 Camaro Z28.

NEWS BRIEF

Sunflowers for Kids to be held this weekend

POMFRET — Lapsley Orchard is set to host its 12th annual Sunflowers for Kids event on Sunday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The orchard's end-of-summer bounty of sunflowers and wildflowers will be harvested and sold in bunches, or available for guests to pick their own, with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to United Services Children and Family programs.

Along with the flowers, the event features free hay rides (from noon to 4 p.m.), free balloon animals and face painting for kids, along with the orchard's usual assortment of "pick-your-own" activities, like apple picking.

All proceeds will benefit United Services Children and Family Programs: These include:

- One of the busiest Child Guidance Clinics in the state, providing trauma-informed and trauma-focused mental health services for children and adolescents.
- Family Programs, including parent education, support groups such as Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and crisis intervention.
- The region's only Domestic Violence Program, providing 24/7/365 emergency crisis, shelter and supportive services to women and children.
- Wraparound clinical care and support services for Autism Spectrum Disorders at the Center for Autism.
- Youth Service Bureau and Juvenile Review Board, coordinating youth service programs and juvenile justice intervention.

For more information on United Services, call 860-774-2020, visit www.UnitedServicesCT.org.

POLICE LOGS

Editor's Note: The information contained in these police logs was obtained through either press releases or other public documents kept by each police department, and is considered to be the account of police. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. If a case is dismissed in court or the party is found to be innocent, The Villager, with proper documentation, will update the log at the request of the arrested party.

STATE POLICE TROOP D LOGS

THOMPSON

Monday, Aug. 22
Steven E. Farland, 51, of 136 Elmwood Hill Road, Thompson, was charged with disorderly conduct/voyeurism, Peeping Tom; third degree assault; second degree strangulation.

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Christine Garceau, 31, of 150 Church St., Thompson, was charged with failure to appear first degree.

DAYVILLE

Friday, Aug. 19

Barbara E. Yater, 37, of 14 Church St. Apt. B, Dayville, was charged with breach of peace.

KILLINGLY

Tuesday, Aug. 23

Daniel Baillargeon, 31, of 65 Stone Road, Killingly, was charged with possession of heroin; possession of heroin with intent to sell; operating a drug factory.

Tana Dashnaw, 33, of 65 Stone Road, Killingly, was charged with possession of heroin; possession of heroin with intent to sell; operating a drug factory.

DANIELSON

Wednesday, Aug. 24

Alicia Brunnett, 22, of 15 Fall Brook Road, Danielson, was charged with failure to respond to infraction.

Two arrested in Danielson on heroin charges

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23, police assigned to the Task Force in Danielson executed a narcotics related search and seizure warrant as 65 Stone Road in Killingly. Police said the warrant was obtained following an investigation by the Task Force that revealed the residence was the location of several heroin deals that led to the arrest of two individuals in the home that night.

Police took 31-year-old Daniel "Digger" Baillargeon and 31-year-old Tana Dashnaw into custody after troopers made entry into the residence and secured the house, discovering the targets were not home.

Troopers located the suspects after setting up surveillance on the Kings Inn in Putnam. At approximately 11 p.m. that same night the Troop D Quality of Life Task Force observed Baillargeon and Dashnaw depart a vehicle and

walk toward the motel at which point troopers detained both individuals on the strength of three search warrants for their person.

After executing the warrants for the home in Danielson and the two suspects themselves Troopers located and seized over an ounce of raw heroin, 3.8 grams of cocaine, nearly \$8,000 in cash, three cell phones and a narcotic concealment container.

Baillargeon and Dashnaw were arrested and charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with intent to sell and operating a drug factory. Both were transported to the Troop D Danielson barracks where they were processed and held on bond. The two were scheduled to appear in court to face their charges on Aug. 24.

Jason Bleau may be reached at 508-909-4129, or by e-mail at jason@stonebridgepress.com.

Villager Newspapers COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

"Shining a light on community events"

September 11, 5-7pm

Chicken Barbeque Dinner to benefit PAWS Cat shelter, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 64 at 64 Providence Street in Putnam. \$10 per ticket includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, salad and roll. Eat in or take out.



September 4, Sun., 1-2:30pm

TLGV Ranger Marcy's Acorn Adventure, Wyndham Land Trust's Rapoport/Spalding Preserve, end of Calkins Rd., Woodstock. Walk from trail to brook to hill, as we Scavenger Hunt for treasures. Snacks, Acorn stickers & fresh air FUN always included! Dress appropriately. Bring family, friends and sharp eyes! FREE! All ages welcome. Questions? marcy@tlgv.org

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September 8, Thurs., 4:30-7pm

Canterbury Town Market, Craftsmen/Artisans/Agriculture at the Canterbury Town Hall Parking Lot. Join in our inaugural market season and support local businesses and organizations. No fee for vendors. Call 860-546-9693 for information.

September 4, Sun., 10am-3pm

Sunflowers for Kids at Lapsley Orchard, Route 169 on the Brooklyn/Pomfret line. This free event features hay rides (starting at noon), PYO apples, face painting and balloon animals. Sales of sunflowers and wildflowers, including pick your own, benefits United Services Children & Family Programs. For info, www.unitedservicesct.org or call 860-774-2020.

September 9, Fri., 7:00pm

Rick Spencer presents "Freemen for Frémont!": Music of the Presidential Campaign of 1856. Promotes understanding of the U.S. on the brink of the Civil War. You may even notice a few mirror images of this year's election. Community Room, Canterbury Town Hall, 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury. Free admission and refreshments

September 7, 6:30pm-9pm

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September 9, Fri., 9:30-11:30am

"Going, Going, Sold" Live Auction with Ernie Eldridge at Windham County Christian Women's Connection at The Inn at Woodstock Hill, 94 Plaine Hill Rd. Tunes by Tracy Medling, speaker Judy Nist, "A Turning Point in Life". Reservations for Brunch \$12. 860-774-5092, 860-455-7671 or email.wccwc81@hotmail.com. Men invited!

September 8, Thurs., 2pm

Putnam Senior Club meets second and fourth Thursday of the month at VFW, 207

September 10, Sat., 9am-noon

Bake Sale and Mini Raffle, Our Lady of LaSalette, 25 Providence Rd., Brooklyn.

This page is designed to shine a light on upcoming local nonprofit, educational and community events. Submissions are limited to 50 words or less and are FREE to qualifying organizations, schools, churches and town offices. To submit your event contact: Teri Stohlberg at 860-928-1818 ext. 105, or teri@villagernewspapers.com. Deadline for submission is Friday at Noon

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QVCC partnering with the WA to offer yoga, Ayurveda

DANIELSON — Quinebaug Valley Community College is partnering with The Woodstock Academy to offer several continuing and professional education courses at the Woodstock campus this fall. Yoga Basics, an 8-week class, begins Friday, Sept. 9

and runs through Oct. 28. It meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and welcomes both beginners as well as seasoned yogis.

A course in Ayurveda, the sister science of yoga, will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm starting Oct. 18. Ayurveda, one of the world's oldest holistic healing systems, is based on the belief that health and wellness depend on a delicate balance between the mind, body, and spirit. The course runs from Oct. 18 to Nov. 15.

The instructor for both classes, Dorothy Barbara, has taught yoga for 15 years. She holds certifications in Master Yoga, Yoga Therapy and Embodiment, and Kripaula School of Ayurveda.

"We are very excited to welcome QVCC to The Academy," said Woodstock Headmaster Christopher Sandford, "and look forward to continuing to develop this relationship in the future."

Valerie Nightingale, coordinator of continuing and professional education at QVCC, hopes the success of these courses will lead to expanded offerings at The Academy.

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One for the thumb for Spooner

BY CHARLIE LENTZ
VILLAGER SPORTS EDITOR

BROOKLYN — For five years running Linda Spooner has followed the same pattern on the last day of the Brooklyn Fair. Spooner and her family enjoy the rides and the animals, she picks up a few blue ribbons in the baked goods competition — and she crosses the finish line first at the Brooklyn Fair 5K road race. Spooner just celebrated her 42nd birthday a couple of weeks ago but the routine never gets old.

"This is five years in a row," said Spooner after capturing her fifth-straight Brooklyn Fair 5K last Sunday. "We just love the fair atmosphere. The kids love to come to the fair and play. They want to go on the rides after the race, just the whole thing is great. It's one of my favorite races all year."

Spooener, from Sturbridge, Mass., finished in first place in the women's division in 19 minutes, 29 seconds. Stephanie Messier took second in 20:11. Cindy Ouillette finished in third place among the women in 20:26.

Jack Houliker captured the title in the men's division in 17:39. Jon Dipippo was second in 18:00. Steve Hamill finished in third place among the men in 18:13.

Spooener's children, 8-year-old Paige and

Violet, 6, ran the kids race that preceded the 5K and finished first and second, respectively. Spooner got a lift from her victory.

"Paige was No. 1 and Violet was No. 2 — I was thrilled," Spooner said. "Made Mom so proud."

Time hasn't seemed to slow Spooner but she didn't take her fifth-straight win for granted.

"Every year you get older so you worry 'Am I going to get slower? Am I going to have an issue?'" Spooner said. "There is some pressure with it because you know a lot of people and you really want to win. But then you never know who's going to show up and just blast you out of the water."

She can take the pressure of the finish line and apparently the heat in the kitchen as well.

"I entered some chocolate chip cookies, and a lemon cake, and a granola bar and I think I won first place for two of them at least," Spooner said. "So I was pretty excited. And the kids entered crafts and photos and they've gotten some ribbons too."

Houliker picked up the blue ribbon in the men's division during his first try at the Brooklyn Fair 5K. Houliker didn't know the race course so he played follow the leader early on.

"I know the other runners so I know who's going to be where pretty much," said Houliker,



Charlie Lentz photo
Linda Spooner raced to fifth-straight victory in women's division at the Brooklyn Fair 5K last Sunday.



Charlie Lentz photo
Jack Houliker took first place in the men's division.

35, from Danielson. "You don't know what to expect but it was an out-and-back (course) so once you did the out you knew what to expect on the back."

Houliker took the lead just after the turnaround and allowed himself a look over his shoulder as the finish approached.

He edged Dipippo by 21 seconds.

"There wasn't until probably the last mile where there were some turns and I did glance back and Dipippo was behind me," Houliker said. "I knew it was in the bag."

Houliker intends to defend his title next

year. Spooner plans on returning next summer as well. She'll stick to her Brooklyn Fair routine — adding some frosting in the kitchen as well as at the finish line.

"We make a day of it to see the animals, go on the rides. We always have to do the Ferris Wheel because that's tradition," Spooner said. "You get to

ride that high all day long after doing your best that you could in the run. And my girls winning their race was just amazing too. And there was icing on that lemon cake."

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Brooklyn Fair 5K road race

BROOKLYN — Runners near the finish line at the grandstand inside the Brooklyn Fairgrounds at the Brooklyn Fair 5K road race last Sunday. Jack Houliker won the men's division and Linda Spooner captured first place in the women's division for the fifth year in a row.



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Competitors begin the Brooklyn Fair 5K.



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JC Flooring wins Charter Oak/Killingly Rec title

DAYVILLE — JC Flooring defeated Universal Fiberoptics/Maury's Pub 27-26 in the season-ending playoff game to claim the tournament title of the Charter Oak Credit Union / Killingly Recreation Department Modified Softball League.

The two teams battled back and forth for seven innings with the lead changing five times with one tie at 20-20 in the fifth frame. It all ended with Jim Hoyt belting a grand slam in the top of the seventh, then holding off the opposition in the only half-inning with no runs scored. When the game came to a close the two teams scored 53 runs and 51 hits.

In the top of the seventh, JC Flooring rallied from five runs down. The rally started with a single by Tournament MVP Tim Carlson followed with singles by Justin Champion, a walk by Ed Bourdia, a single by Anthony Valade, a single by Nick Otenti, then the grand slam by Hoyt. Carlson hit .750 for the tournament going 9-for-12 with five runs scored, five RBIs and two doubles. Shane Nadeau played a key role in the contest with three hits, a home run and five RBIs. Nick Otenti had big part as the leadoff hitter with four hits and two RBIs.

For Universal/Maury's it was Aaron May leading the way with four hits, two home runs and five RBI. Trevor May went 5-for-5 with three RBIs and four runs scored. Allen Fish added four hits, three RBIs and a triple. Dan Rogers had three hits and two RBIs.

The two teams played in the championship round with Universal/Maury's winning that contest 22-14 setting the stage for the final game of the season. Aaron May led the way with five hits a home run with four RBIs. Trevor May had five hits and Allen Fish had four hits and a home run. In the loss it was Tim Carlson, Lou Bousquet and Chuck Broussard with three hits each. Jim Hoyt added two hits with a homerun.



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Tournament MVP Tim Carlson



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Rebecca Sacramone, 71



BROOKFIELD — Rebecca (McKinstry) Sacramone, 71, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, at home under the care of her loving husband and hospice care.

Becky is survived by her husband of forty years, John Sacramone; her mother Mary Lou McKinstry of Charlton; her brother, Greg McKinstry and his partner Sandy Bremer of Brookfield; three sisters Victoria McKinstry of Sturbridge, Cindy Lou McKinstry of Sturbridge and Susan Hapgood and husband Peter of The Villages, Fla.; her brother-in-law, William Sacramone and his wife Doreen of Port Orange, Fla.; two nephews Sean McKinstry and Gabe Simonelli; three nieces Meghan Mazzaferro, Sara Jane McKinstry and Jesslyn Thrasher; and grand nieces and nephews. Becky was born in Roanoke, Va., the daughter of Morgan and Mary Lou (Poff) McKinstry and lived most of her life in Southbridge before moving to Thompson, Conn., and then finally Brookfield.

Becky graduated from Southbridge High School and attended Massachusetts College of Art. During this period Becky honed her artistic skills, which would lead to a life-long knack for taking the ordinary and turning it into some special. She worked at Galileo in Sturbridge during its early stages and stayed until it's closing. She then went on to work at the Southbridge News where she put her artistic skills to use once again in the preparation of the daily newspaper. When the News went through changes Becky moved on to work for the Central MA VNA where she specialized in the Hospice program. She received numerous letters from families thanking her for her dedicated professional services she rendered while taking care of a loved one during their final days. She made a difference

in a very difficult time of life.

After moving to Thompson, Conn., Becky set out on a new path, she began buying and selling antiques out of a shop in Woodstock, Conn. It was here at Woodstock Antiques where Becky really shined. Becky appreciated and loved all that was beautiful in life. She was an avid yard saler and took other peoples cast offs and refurbished and restored them to their former luster. She had an eye for the unusual, which quickly turned into some one else's enjoyment.

Becky also loved all creatures great and small. Any animal in distress that was fortunate to find their way to her door was taken care of and found a home.

She was an avid gardener; her home was always decorated with flowers, inside and out. She loved to travel and later in her life was fortunate enough to visit such places as Thailand, Laos, Burma, and Italy. Many trips were taken with her husband to the Caribbean, Dominican Republic and numerous trips to Mexico. Maine was her favorite local destination and many trips were spent kayaking the rivers and ponds of Maine. Becky loved adventure and her husband was always more than willing to join in on the fun.

The family is deeply appreciative of the tender and professional care provided by the Central MA Hospice over the last month. Their care and support made Becky's journey a peaceful event.

Becky's funeral service and burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, Becky asks that donations be made to The Second Chance Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 136, East Brookfield, MA 01515.

The Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home, 130 Hamilton St., Southbridge, is directing arrangements.

Visit www.morrillfuneralhome.com.

Robert J. Miller, 95



PUTNAM — Robert J. "Bob" Miller, 95, of Liberty Highway, died Wednesday, August 24, at Westview Health Care Center. He was the loving husband of Winifred "Wini" (Rushford) Savulis-Miller. Born in Putnam, he was the son of the late Telesphore and Edith (Johnson) Miller. Bob attended Saint Mary's School, and graduated from Putnam High School, class of 1938.

Bob married Marion E.K. Leavestrom, of Worcester Massachusetts in 1948. They raised five children. Marion passed away in June of 1973. Bob was remarried in 1977 to Loretta St. Onge Johnston, gaining eight stepchildren. Loretta passed away on January 25, 2003.

After working as a mill hand in local textile mills as a young man, Mr. Miller became employed at the National Chromium Company, in Putnam, a small electro-plating firm. Miller spent 43 years as a foreman, sales manager and vice president of National Chromium Co., retiring in 1985. Bob took a leave of absence from National Chromium to enlist in the United States Army during WWII. He served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations with Battery B, 789th Field Artillery Battalion, in Combat Intelligence and Prisoner Detail. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, American Theater Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant, and returned to National Chromium in 1946.

Bob was active in scouting, joining the Boy Scouts of America Troop 23 in 1933. He was selected by the Boy Scouts of America National office to represent his Council at the first Boy Scouts of America national jamboree in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting in America. In that same year, 1937, Bob attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Bob first became a Scoutmaster at the age of 18, was Scoutmaster of St. Mary's Church Troop 21 for 25 years, and held various executive positions along the way, including District Commissioner and District Chairman. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, which recognizes registered Scouters of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. A devout Catholic, He was a communicant of Saint Mary Church of the Visitation, and a member of Saint Mary's choir for many years. Bob devoted many years of distinguished service to the Putnam community, holding public office as Chairman of the Water Commission

1967 - 1972, Board of Selectmen 1963 - 1969, First Selectman 1973 - 1975, Economic Development Commission 1976 - 1985, and a Member of the Democratic Town Committee 1964 - 1978.



He was a member of the Aspinock Historical Society for 36 years, giving many lectures, slide shows and walking tours, most of them related to the history of textile mills in Northeastern Connecticut. Bob was the first Putnam Municipal Historian, holding that position from 1989 until retiring in 2006. The Robert J. Miller History award is presented each year to a deserving student at Putnam Elementary School. On August 8, 1998, the town of Putnam dedicated the Robert J. Miller Park, in honor of the municipal historian. The park marks the start of the Putnam River Trail. A quote from an area newspaper says it all: "Perhaps Miller's greatest life-long assets have been his love of people, his listening ear, and his willingness to help anyone in need, regardless of nationality or creed".

In addition to his wife, Robert is survived by his sons, Stephen Miller of Bristol, Ernst Miller of Torrington, and Philip Miller of Thompson; his daughter, Maria Miller of Medford, Massachusetts; his stepsons, Arthur Johnston of Woodstock, Kevin P. Johnston of Pomfret, Peter Johnston of Danielson, Mark Johnston of Dayville, and Shawn Johnston of N. Grosvenordale; his step-daughters Roberta Hayes of Dayville, Christine Lessig of East Woodstock, and Rosemary Surdyka of Wilbraham, Massachusetts; his grandchildren, Austin Miller, Audrey May Anderson, Virginia Miller, and Andrew Miller. In addition to his previous wives, Marion and Loretta, he was predeceased by his eldest daughter, Ann K. Miller, in 2013, his sister, Dorothy Miller, and brother Norman "Spike" Miller. The Miller and Johnston families extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Joseph Botta and the wonderful, caring staff at Westview Health Care Center.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit with Robert's family on August 28, in the Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam. The funeral was held August 29 and was followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Mary Church of the Visitation. Burial with Military Honors followed in St. Mary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter, 200 Executive Boulevard, Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Edmond O. Breault, 90



WEBSTER — Edmond O. Breault, 90, died Monday, Aug. 22, in Blaire House after a long illness. His wife of 59 years, Mary A. (Gion) Breault, died in 2007.

He leaves a son, Richard R. Breault and his wife Mary of Worcester; 2 granddaughters, Emma Logan and her husband Robert Logan VI of Salem, and Maggie Breault of Worcester; a great-grandson, Robert Logan VII; a sister, Lorraine Demers of Danielson, Conn.; nephews and nieces.

Born in Worcester and raised in Putnam, he was the son of Hector and Jeannette (Auger) Breault. He moved to Webster in 1950. He then lived in Auburn and Worcester.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a seaman first class on the USS South Dakota and the USS Manilla

Bay. He belonged to the Webster-Dudley American Legion Post #184 and to the VFW.

Mr. Breault owned and operated Ed's TV from 1960 to 1979 when he retired. He previously worked at the American Woolen Company and at the American Optical Company in Southbridge. In his retirement, Ed volunteered to sing and play "all the oldies" at various local nursing homes.

He was a communicant at Saint Joseph Basilica and a member of its Holy Rosary Sodality and Sacred Heart Society. He served as a lector for 35 years.

An all-around handyman and builder, he constructed his own home in Webster and also built another home on Quaddick Pond in Thompson. He enjoyed woodworking and made the missalette holders for the church out of oak.

The funeral was held Saturday, Aug. 27, from the Sitkowski & Malboeuf Funeral Home, 340 School St., Webster, with a Mass in Saint Joseph Basilica, 53 Whitcomb St., Webster. Burial will be in St. Joseph Garden of Peace, Webster. The Webster-Dudley Veterans Council will perform military honors. Visitation was Friday, Aug. 26, in the funeral home.

Donations in his name may be made to First Church of the Nazarene, 233 Eastern Avenue, Lynn, MA 01902.



Taylor Justin Williams, 26



KINGSLAND, GEORGIA — Taylor Justin Williams, 26, was tragically killed on Sunday, August 14, near his home in Kingsland, Georgia.

Taylor was born November 6, 1989 in Putnam. He attended Brooklyn Elementary and Middle Schools and then Woodstock Academy. He graduated from Haines City High School in Florida in 2007. Highly competitive, Taylor thrived in athletics from an early age and loved baseball and football.

Taylor had a passion for life, a love of adventure, and a strong desire to help others. He was an EMT/firefighter at East Brooklyn Fire Department for three years. In 2007, Taylor and a fellow firefighter received a Heroism Award after rushing into the second floor of a burning building to carry a man to safety. Referred to by friends as "Doc," Taylor was a veteran of the United States Army, honorably serving two tours of duty in Afghanistan as a medic. Taylor loved the medical profession and was very knowledgeable. He routinely took calls from fellow medics seeking advice. Eager to follow in the footsteps of his mother and stepfather, Taylor hoped to one day be a physician's assistant. Taylor was also a compassionate friend and family member who always had time

for others. Taylor enjoyed spending time with friends, fishing, hunting, mudding, and carpentry. He spent a lot of time remodeling his new home, which he was very proud of.

Taylor will be missed by a large family both in Connecticut and Georgia, including his mother, Nichole Flannery Williams and fiancé, Terry Baksh of Brooklyn; father and step-mother Stuart and Tina Williams of St. Marys, Georgia; his brother Troy Stuart Williams of Kingsland, Georgia; his grandparents Donna and Richard Ratelle and Douglas and Rita Flannery of Danielson; uncles and aunts including Barbara Healey, Debra Morrison, Douglas Flannery of Connecticut and Ryan Ratelle of New York City; in addition to countless other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 3 at Westfield Congregational Church (210 Main Street, Danielson) starting promptly at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of SPC Taylor Justin Williams, Army Medic, to www.pawsandstripes.org, a nonprofit organization providing service dogs for wounded military veterans with PTSD - "not all wounds are visible."



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OBITUARIES

Glen W. Heath, 75



GROSVENORDALE – Glen W. Heath, 75, Riverside Dr., died August 24, in his home surrounded by his family. He was the loving husband of Betty (Warren) Heath. Born in Burlington, Vermont, he was the son of the late

Wayland and Eva (Brown) Heath. Mr. Heath served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked as a truck driver for Trainor Transportation, and drove a bus for Foxwoods. He was a certified diesel technician and worked as a diesel mechanic for the Killingly Department of Education. He was a member of the Community Fire Department and Fire Police. Glen was also a member of the Danielson Elks, the American Legion, and the Webster Council of the Nipmuc Tribe. He was a communicant of the Living Faith United Methodist Church and a Life member of the Killingly-Brooklyn Ambulance. Glen enjoyed football and sports. He collected John Deere tractors and liked to work with his hands, always tinkering with anything mechanical. He was especially proud and loving to his family.

In addition to his wife, Glen is sur-

vived by his sons, Frank Heath of Grosvenordale, Jesse Heath and his wife Tammy of Thompson, Timothy Heath and his wife Cherie of N. Grosvenordale, and John Heath and his wife Jessica of Grosvenordale; his daughter, Tina Tetreault and her husband James of Putnam, his brothers, Bert Heath of Quinebaug, Chester Heath of Florida, Melzer Heath of Putnam, and Frank Heath of Putnam; his sisters, Patricia Labonte of Florida, Evelyn Preston of Putnam, Corinne Duquette of Putnam, Lorraine Adam of Thompson, and Joyce Lefevre of Central Village; thirteen grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers, the late Roy Heath, Wayland Heath, Jr., and Calvin Heath; and his sister, the late Linda Ball.

Relatives and friends are invited to a graveside service at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2016 in West Thompson Cemetery followed by a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. in the Living Faith United Methodist Church, 53 Grove St., Putnam, CT. For memorial guestbook visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Marcella "Marcy" Mowais, 56



DANIELSON – After battling cancer for over a year, Marcy Mowais, 56, of Danielson passed away on August 21 surrounded by her family. She is survived by her loving husband Jabbar, daughter Elena, her brothers Chet, John, and James Slepiski, sister and brother-in-law Lt. Colonel David and Carolyn Biancan, loving father Major Chester Slepiski, as well as her friends and neighbors including her best friend Lorraine LaGarde. She was the center of the family, selflessly giving of herself and holding her family together.

Marcy was an employee at Backus Hospital for over 10 years as a Patient

Accounts Representative. She was always passionate about helping the less fortunate to attain their health care needs in addition to making a vast impact on her co-workers. She was also a lover of nature and animals, especially her two cats, Simba and Ashton. Anyone that came in contact with her was immediately affected by her enthusiastic zeal for life.

Calling hours were held on August 28 at the Tillinghast Funeral Home, in Danielson, which was followed by a graveside service at Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. A luncheon was held following the service at the family's home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., I-91 Tech Ctr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. To leave an online condolence please visit tillinghastfh.com

Michael J. Griggs, 63

DANIELSON – Michael J. Griggs, 63, of Danielson died unexpectedly on August 25 at his home. Born on October 30, 1952 in Putnam, son of Anita C. (Barrette) Griggs and the late William J. Griggs.

He was a graduate of Killingly High School "Class of 1970." He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971 to 1973. He worked at Electric Boat as a rigger. He was a Communicant of St. James Church.

Besides his mother Anita of Danielson, he leaves his sister, Sheila C. Ilewicz and her husband James of

Dayville; nephew, Mathew J. Ilewicz and niece, Jessica C. Ilewicz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, September 6, at St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. Burial following with Military honors in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, 825 Brook Street, I-91 Tech Ctr., Rocky Hill, CT 06067-3045. Arrangements by Gagnon and Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds Street, Danielson, CT. Share a memory at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com

Donald H. Gilbert, 92



WEBSTER – Donald H. Gilbert, 92, died Saturday, Aug. 27, at Harrington Healthcare Hubbard Campus. Donald was born in Webster. He is the son of the late Emile J. and the late Aldora

(Marien) Gilbert.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years Marie Gloria (Bernier) Gilbert, one son: Paul Gilbert and his wife Kathleen of Thompson, Conn.; three daughters: Nancy McGrath and her husband John of Woodstock, Conn., Donna Garabedian and her husband Joseph of South Grafton, Patricia Millos wife of the late Ronald Millos of Auburn, nine grandchildren Thomas, PJ and Daniel Gilbert. David McGrath and Katie Britt, James and Thomas Garabedian, Corey and Andrew Millos, five great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Donald is a Navy veteran of World War II and served during the invasion

of Normandy.

Mr. Gilbert was the owner and president of Gilbert Distributors for 28 years before his retirement.

Donald was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. The Webster Lions Club and a Past King Lion. Most of all he loved his family and his devoted wife. Donald enjoyed a good meal and a round of golf.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Thursday, Sept. 1, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 16 East Main St., Webster. Burial with military honors followed in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Webster. Calling hours were Thursday, Sept. 1, at Bartel Funeral Home & Chapel, 33 Schofield Ave., Dudley.

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Rita M. Lachapelle, 70



WOODSTOCK – Rita M. Lachapelle, 70, of Woodstock, formerly of East Hartford died August 16 at Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation in East Hartford. She was born in Putnam on April 24, 1946, daughter of the late Leo R. and Marie (Gauthier) Lachapelle.

She lived in Woodstock most of her life, a graduate of Woodstock Academy "Class of 1964." She went to Annhurst College in Woodstock and graduated with a teaching degree in 1968. She was a teacher for two years in Western, Massachusetts. Rita worked as a bookkeeper for several auto dealerships in

central and eastern Connecticut most recently working for Scranton Motors in Vernon. She loved her cats and dogs.

She leaves her two sisters; Elaine Lachapelle of Woodstock, Diane Ortyl of East Hartford, nieces; Michelle Ortyl-Kozikowski and her husband Henry of Enfield, Marisabel Rosario of Enfield, grandnephew; Nathan and grandnieces; Zoey and Arianna.

A Memorial Service will be Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Palmer Memorial Hall, 523 Route 169, Woodstock Hill, Woodstock, CT. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Companion Animal Sanctuary, 46 Floeting Road, Ashford, CT 06278 or PAWS, PO Box 191, Eastford, CT 06242. Share a Memory at www.smithand-walkerfh.com

Helen M. Davis, 87

HARRISVILLE, RHODE ISLAND – Helen M. Davis, 87, of Cherry Farm Rd., died August 29, in Trinity Health Care. She was the loving companion of the late Arthur Burton. Born in Stafford Springs, she was the daughter of the late George and Mary (Toman) Urda.

Mrs. Davis worked as a secretary for Tourtellotte Produce and later worked at Trafari Jewels as a data enterer.

Helen is survived by her son, Gary Davis and his wife Peg of Harrisville,

Rhode Island; grandchildren, William Davis of Chepachet, Rhode Island and Christopher Davis of Harrisville, Rhode Island; a great grandson Russell Davis of Chepachet, Rhode Island; and her brother Thomas Urda of Putnam. She is predeceased by her brother, the late Stanley Urda.

Funeral services are private and have been entrusted to the Gilman-Valade Funeral Homes and Crematory, 104 Church St., Putnam.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF BROOKLYN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clifford B. Green Meeting Center, 69 South Main Street, Brooklyn, CT on the following:

1. ZRC16-002 Planning & Zoning Commission, Request to Amend Articles 3 and 15, Sections 3.5.3.4, 15.5.4.1; A proposal to modify the Regulations to ensure that the 300-foot separating distance for access ways to interior lots does not impact adjacent properties.

2. ZC16-002 BLB, LLC, Map 33, Lot 19, 13.5+ acres on the south side of School Street; Request change from RA Zone to R30 Zone; Coincide with adjoining lots.

A copy of the above applications are on file and available for review in the Land Use Office located at 69 South Main Street, Suite 22, Brooklyn, CT. All interested parties may appear and be heard and written correspondence received.

Dated this 22nd day of August 2016.
Carlene Kelleher
Chairman

August 26, 2016
September 2, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF DONALD L. LeBEAU (16-00272)

The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 23, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the

loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Janis E. Beltis, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Michael E. Jewell, Esq.,
257 Main Street, Suite 510,
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September 2, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Joseph H. Gaucher (16-00267)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 22, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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The fiduciary is:
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c/o Nicholas A. Longo, Esq.,
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168 Main Street, PO Box 528,
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Charlotte L Galvin (16-00273)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 22, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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The fiduciary is:
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ESTATE OF BARBARA MARYE REPKO, AKA Barbara B. Repko (16-00253)
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The fiduciary is:
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Sarantopoulos & Sarantopoulos, LLC,
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ESTATE OF Arlene F Bowen (16-00263)
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The fiduciaries are:
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TOWN OF BROOKLYN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION NOTICE OF ACTION

Pursuant to Section 22a-42e of the Connecticut State Statute, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission took the following action at the special meeting August 24, 2016:

061416A Kausch and Sons, South Street, Map 46, Lot 37, R-30 Zone, 5-Lot Subdivision and free split lot to Construct Residential Homes, Grading, and Driveways-APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

Any appeals are to be filed with the Superior Court 15 days from the date of the legal notice appearing in the paper.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2016
Jeff Arends
Acting Chairman
September 2, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF EDWARD J. RECK (16-00279)
The Hon. Leah P. Schad, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Northeast Probate Court, by decree dated August 29, 2016, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciaries at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
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The fiduciaries are:
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